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WASHINGTON, January 16, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 11 totaled 321,228, up 4.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 23.5 percent from the preceding holiday week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were up 3.5 percent in the East and up 4.5 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of grain increased by 4,248 cars (15.6 percent), loadings of coal rose by 4,990 cars (4.1 percent), and crushed stone, sand and gravel loadings increased by 1,743 cars (20.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first two weeks of 1992 totaled 581,238, up 6.4 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 121,992 trailers and containers for the week ended January 11, up 1.9 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first two weeks of 1992 was 210,273 trailers and containers, 3.4 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 11 totaled 20.7 billion, up 6.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first two weeks of 1992 was an estimated 37.4 billion ton-miles, up 9.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 11, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 11, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,424	27,176	15.6 %	25,130	25.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,511	2,323	-35.0	1,165	29.7
Metallic Ores	14,181	11,682	21.4	14,004	1.3
Coal	125,917	120,927	4.1	100,249	25.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,432	8,689	20.1	8,057	29.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,913	8,423	-6.1	7,071	11.9
Grain Mill Products	10,466	10,134	3.3	9,060	15.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,103	9,793	-7.0	6,809	33.7
Primary Forest Products	9,839	9,355	5.2	7,549	30.3
Lumber & Wood Products	5,541	5,010	10.6	4,012	38.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,812	10,971	-1.4	11,355	-4.8
Chemicals	28,943	29,267	-1.1	26,821	7.9
Petroleum Products	5,230	4,933	6.0	4,157	25.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7,975	8,193	-2.7	6,551	21.7
Coke	5,355	5,116	4.7	5,437	-1.5
Metals & Products	10,099	10,348	-2.4	8,708	16.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	11,975	12,158	-1.5	4,501	166.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,475	8,291	2.2	5,361	58.1
All Other Carloads	6,037	6,129	-1.5	4,013	50.4
Total	321,228	308,918	4.0 %	260,010	23.5 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 11, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 2 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 11, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	321,228	308,918	4.0 %	581,238	546,433	6.4 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	57,341	61,814	-7.2	98,446	104,399	-5.7
Containers	64,651	57,882	11.7	111,827	99,016	12.9
Total	121,992	119,696	1.9	210,273	203,415	3.4
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.7	19.4	6.7 %	37.4	34.2	9.4 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 1, 1992 - PLE.

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